

The Dasset News - 5th December 2025

This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Bodee	Lorenzo	Mylo	Elizabeth
Nathan	Florence	Elliott	Dexter



Reception—It has been a busy week of rehearsals for the nativity, with confidence growing all the time. In Phonics we have been practising reading words in our heads to read fluently. The children were very excited to have learned all the Level 2 sounds and tricky words. There was lots of letter formation practise in shaving foam. In maths we focused on the purpose of counting to find out how many objects there are, both with concrete objects and things that can't be touched such as sounds. In PSED we have looked at different types of homes and what is special about our homes. There has been lots of construction going on as some great castles were built. As part of our topic 'Once Upon a time', we have looked at pictures of past monarchs, noticing what they wore and looked like. Several children made very regal portraits of themselves! As part of exploring traditional tales the children thought of different places the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs could go, practising writing the tricky word 'go'. Well done Reception on another week of learning. Have a restful weekend ready for a busy week next week!



Year 1/2— This week has been absolutely jam-packed in Squirrel class. Amongst all the glitter, singing and nativity rehearsal madness, we have managed to squeeze in lots of other learning too. In English we have really enjoyed our poetry unit. We explored the poem 'There's no such thing as Monsters' by Roger Stevens. We worked in groups to learn a verse, added our own actions and practised performing it out loud, one group at a time. We also explored making our monsters that could also be in the poem, creating interesting names and describing them using a range of vocabulary as well as exploring rhyming words. In Maths, we have been continuing to consolidate our learning on 2D and 3D shapes, exploring finding the faces, vertices and edges and playing games such as 'Guess my shape' to encourage our understanding and recognition of shape names and properties. In PSHE we have been thinking about the qualities of a good friend and in RE we have been exploring how Christians celebrate Christmas.



Year 3/4— English has continued with our study of *Nen* and the *Lonely Fisherman*, describing and writing scenes with dialogue included. Maths has continued and concluded our work on multiplication tables and processes, together with the realisation that to master one's tables, you do not need to learn that many table facts because of all the cross-over factors/commutative law (2×8 is the same as 8×2). In history, working in groups, we sought to rank the historical significance of several notable Roman Emperors, (Notable for a mix a good and bad deeds.) Each group debated the rankings and then fed back their thoughts to the wider class for discussion. In PE we played competitive hockey matches with indoor PE being Dodgeball this week. In Science we revisited our work on Teeth from earlier in the term, carrying out an investigation into the protection offered by fluoride in toothpaste, noting that it is added to our local drinking water supply. Computing, French and Whole Class Reading have also taken place.



Year 5/6 - You wouldn't know the difference between the Dasset and the Bake-off Tent this week as year 5/6 did an excellent job baking bread rolls. We perfected our kneading technique and talked about the science of some of the different ingredients, such as yeast. We all enjoyed trying them and all deserve star baker! In maths we pulled together everything we've learnt during our shape unit to draw shapes accurately using rulers and protractors. In computing, we did an e-safety session and had a discussion about harm online and who to talk to about this. PSHE was a discussion about bullying, specifically rumours, and we had a discussion about where to get help.



Music lessons and recognition



Top of The Rock have limited spaces available for drumming lessons during the school day. If you would like to register interest please see attached information and contact Josh on josh@topoftherocktuition.com



Thank you Molly for your decoration for the tree in the music room. Also thank you to Thomas and James Wakeley for a brilliant duet on the recorder.

Christmas



Christmas has started at The Dasset with the switch on the lights. Thank you Alfie, oldest child in the school and Bertie the youngest for doing this. We are learning our Christmas songs, getting ready for upcoming carols and services.



The Christmas Card post box will be open for deliveries from Monday 8th December for children to send cards to each other. Please bring cards to the office and ensure that class numbers and names are clear. Last posting will be Tuesday 16th December.

Next Week 8th-14th Dec

Monday 8th December—Dress down day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes with a forfeit of a bottle for the tombola at the Christmas fair.

Tuesday 9th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 production at 2.15pm. A letter has been sent home about how to request tickets. Please contact your class teacher if you have any queries.

Wednesday 10th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Production at 9.15am. A letter has been sent home on how to request tickets. Please contact your class teacher if you have any queries.



Thursday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. This is a nationwide event with a donation to Save the Children. **We would love to raise money for Save the Children and would be very grateful for a £1 donation. Last year we raised £43 and would like to beat that this year.**

Friday 12th December—School Christmas Fair. Come and join us for our annual Christmas fair 6-8pm. There will be stalls, games, pork baps with trimmings, mince pies, mulled wine, hot chocolate—with or without Baileys and lots more. Watch out for more details.

Sunday 14th December—Breakfast with Santa. Come and join Santa for breakfast—details have been sent home and are attached to the newsletter.



The Friends—Breakfast with Santa

Santa's grotto is nearly ready for his arrival on Sunday 14th December. Children have brought home an order form to pre-book. If you have not received your order form please see attached.

Bookings need to be made by Wednesday 10th December.

Christmas Fair—Help wanted Plans are well underway for our Christmas Fair and we would appreciate any help you could give us on the day either setting up, running a stall or helping to clear up. If you can spare half an hour or more please contact us on friendsofthedassett@outlook.com or leave your number at the school office for us to contact you. Also, we would like volunteers from pupils in year 6 to run stalls. Please let Mr Hackett know via seesaw if your child/ren are able to help.

Christmas Raffle Thank you so much for those who have sold their tickets and returned the stubs to school. If you have not yet done so please ensure **all stubs are back in school by Friday 12th December** at 3pm so they can be added to the draw that evening. Prizes so far include family ticket to Fairytale Farm, meals out from The Merrie Lion, Castle at Edgehill,, free and half price tickets to Tigerplay, National Herb Centre afternoon tea, Shakespeare Houses, dog grooming, TFM voucher, Alpaca experience yoga, mini fish and chips from Kineton Chippy and a pottery voucher. The prizes are amazing this year so get your extra tickets from the office or request via your teacher.

Coming Up

Tuesday 16th December—Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are going to **Warwick Arts Centre** to see *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*.

Wednesday 17th December—**Music Assembly**. Mrs Foxwell will have let you know if your child is involved in this.

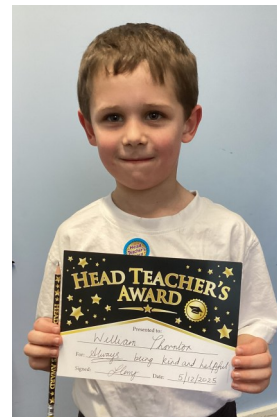
Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Lunch. This can be booked on the day in the usual way.

Thursday 18th December—RE day in school followed by **Christingle Service at the Church at 2.15pm**. Parents and Carers are invited to join us at the church for the annual service.

Friday 19th December—**Carols in the Hall**. Parents/Carers are invited to join us in the hall at 1.30pm. Children can go home with parents after the carols.

Head Teacher Award

Well done to William for being recognised by staff for ALWAYS being kind and helpful.



Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm



Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm are once again running their School Donations Project. They will donate 10% of your trees value to school. Please see attached for further information.

Holiday Clubs

Fitt4kids, GoGo Makers and Onside. Please see attached their information for Christmas Holiday camps

Stratford District Children & Family Centre

Please see attached timetable for December.

Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset